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A STRANGE ACCIDENT. FOR LOVERS OF FLOWERS. TOMORROW'S CHURCH TOPICS. THE MASONIC FESTIVAL. Swindled by a Stranger. DRY WEATHER. SPOILED CROPS.

ELECTRICITY STRIKES A MAN TO THE GROUND.

A Sudden Flash from a Chandelier Caused by Crossing of Wires.

Kelsey's drug store was the scene of a remarkable accident on Wednesday afternoon. The victim was a customer whose name is not known and who received a shock of electricity that completely prostrated him. The customer was standing in the store beneath a chandelier on which are a number of incandescent lights. Suddenly there was a noise and a blinding flash of light and he fell to the floor, unconscious. The flash was a brilliant shaft of light from the chandelier downward and the man who was standing below received a very serious shock.

The injured man was carried to a room in the rear and soon recovered under proper treatment and his injuries were found to be not serious. It is supposed that the accident was caused by a sudden contact of electric light wires with those of the street car system. The overcharge in the incandescent wires ran down the chandelier and escaped and the man below received the benefit thereof.

Unfortunate Accident.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Ed. Bayley of 2030 Lincoln street, North Berkeley, while suffering from an attack of heart trouble slipped and fell on her back and broke three ribs, besides badly bruising her spine. Dr. Manning was called to attend her.

Grand Jury Visited the Hospital.

The Grand Jury visited the County Hospital, at San Leandro, Thursday, and made a tour of inspection. All of the members went out in the morning and were shown through the place by Dr. Clark. The buildings and grounds and management were all reported to be in a good condition, with the inmates happy and contented.

Red-Cross Meeting Tomorrow.

A meeting of the Berkeley Red Cross Society is called for Sunday, May 1st, at 4 p. m., in the Congregational Church, corner Durant avenue and Dana street, for the completion of the organization of the Society, the election of officers, and other business. All persons interested in the cause of this Society are urged to be present. By order of the President, G. F. GREENLEAF, Pres.

Just Arrived

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A VERY BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY IN SHATTUCK HALL.

Prizes Awarded to Exhibits at the Berkeley Floral Society's Show.

The flower show in Shattuck Hall is by far the most beautiful exhibition of the kind ever seen in Berkeley. The interior of the hall is ablaze with color. The specimens shown are on a par with the best that either amateurs or professionals can produce. The arrangements and decorations are very tasty and the whole show is one of which Berkeley may be well proud.

Among the largest exhibitors is George N. Tyler, of Alameda, who is well-known all round the bay as a floriculturist. He has in the hall a remarkable display of pelargoniums. They cover a long table, about 200 varieties being shown. It is said to be the largest assortment of varieties ever shown.

The awards of prizes were made yesterday afternoon. The method of judging was according to a system devised by W. H. Smythe, for the Mechanics' Fair in San Francisco, some years ago. The judges reached their verdict independently, awarding a percentage to each exhibit. The results are averaged and the average is the final verdict. Under this system Mr. Tyler's pelargonium exhibit received 100 per cent.

The judges were the following well-known experts in floriculture: Roses—John L. Howard, Park Fellows, A. W. Havens, and F. L. Button; Miscellaneous, Carl Kruger and Captain E. Kellner.

Amateur prizes were awarded as follows:

Best collection of roses, amateur, John Henderson, Jr.; best twelve roses, Mrs. W. H. Smythe; John Hinkle, best six hybrid perpetuals, Mrs. J. W. Whitworth, best one rose, H. M. J. McMichael, best six roses.

Poppies, Mrs. S. E. Atkinson. Tulips, Mrs. A. McCartney, Alameda.

Pelargoniums, best collection, John Hinkle; best twelve, Mrs. W. H. Smythe; best collection, skilled labor, F. M. Wilson. Specimen fern, J. C. Leve.

Potted Azalia, specimen, Mrs. Anson S. Blake. Pansies and annuals, W. C. Blasdale, two first prizes.

Cut flowers, Prof. J. B. Davvy, from the University botanical gardens.

PROFESSIONAL. George N. Tyler, of Alameda, won first prizes for pelargoniums, 96 varieties, receiving 100 per cent from all the judges, which is a very unusual achievement; for pansies, for a specimen plant pelargonium.

Best landscape design, George Hansen.

Other noteworthy exhibits were those of H. M. Sanborn, of Oakland, who made a magnificent display of flowers and plants, not entering the competition; Mr. C. T. Walker, Oakland, Mrs. Robertson, Warren Cheney, Miss L. Pierce, Mrs. Doane, Mrs. Sell, F. M. Wilson, Mr. Charles Wilkinson, Mrs. M. D. Stokes, Carl Purdy, of Ukiah, who made a very fine display of California, wild lilies and bulbous plants; Mrs. E. S. Gray, John H. Sievers, J. A. Carbin, of West Berkeley, Judge Garber, J. Palache, M. Halstead and Dr. Alexander.

The show will close at 10 o'clock, this evening.

TAKE A DAY OFF AND HEAR THE WORD.

Special Service for Men by Dr. H. C. Minton at First Presbyterian.

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. Rev. J. A. Cruzan, pastor. Morning worship 11 a. m.; Bible school 12:30, Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30. In the evening Rev. J. R. Knodel of East Oakland will conduct the service. Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. prayer and conference meeting will be held. Subject, "CROWNS."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Services in American Hall. Sermon at 11 a. m.; subject, "Home Missions." Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH. Rev. D. J. Pierce will preach a series of sermons on successive Sunday mornings about "God's Architecture," and on Sunday evenings on "The Christians in the World." Subjects for next Sunday: 11 a. m., "Inscribed Pillars," 7:30 p. m., "Christian Reflections."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. H. C. Minton, D. D., will preach a sermon Sunday evening, May 1, 1898, especially to men, at the First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley. Singing by male chorus. Tenth anniversary of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip. The evening sermon will be "Asking and Receiving." All are invited, especially men.

ST. MARKS. Services will be held as usual and conducted by Rev. Geo. E. Swan.

CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD. Services as usual.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL. Rev. Geo. B. Hatch will preach both morning and evening. Prof. W. W. Lovejoy of the Pacific Theological Seminary will address the "Bible class" at the close of the morning service.

MEMORIAL SERMON. Rev. D. J. Pierce has been chosen to preach the memorial sermon at the Baptist Church, May 29th.

TRINITY M. E. Rev. John Coyte will take for his subject tomorrow morning "Inspired Silence," and in the evening "Fires that never go out." All are welcome.

FRIENDS. Rev. C. C. Reynolds, who is on his way to the Friends' Mission station at Kotzebue Sound, Alaska, will preach in the morning and again in the evening. He will conduct the young people's society. Rev. Reynolds is one of the owners of the schooner Penelope, which came up from Los Angeles last week.

It is expected that Mrs. Rose Dobbins will sail from England for America, May 1st.

Mrs. M. L. Burleson, mother of Mrs. George B. Hatch, left last night for the New England States, where she expects to visit her old home, returning to Berkeley next September.

Mr. and Mrs. Mantonya and two children, of Chicago who left Berkeley for Coronado two weeks ago after spending two weeks with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Wickson, are expected to return to Berkeley next week.

WORK FOR THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BENEFIT.

Patriotic, Masonic, Japanese and Other Striking Booth Displays.

As the Masonic Festival in aid of the Widows' and Orphans' Home at Decoto approaches the interest in it increases regularly in the city. Not only are the merchants and the general public displaying enthusiasm, but from the country comes daily letters of inquiry and encouragement, and it is probable that on the 9th of May, when the fête will be opened by Senator Thomas Flint Jr. of San Juan, that the city will be full of visitors.

The ladies of the Order of Eastern Star, as well as the wives and daughters of Masons, are displaying most commendable energy in interesting all their friends in the success of the festival.

The Committee on Booths has had prepared for it a general plan of the Pavilion as it will appear when the festival opens, and a most attractive picture it presents. There are to be about forty booths, including one in memory of the Maine one where Japanese tea will be served by ladies in Japanese costume, one where the relics of Martha Washington (to be known as the American booth) will be displayed, another where the miter will be danced in the costumes of 1766, and still another which has been named as the Postoffice booth, where all facilities for correspondence will be afforded and special stationery provided. These are only a few of the features to be presented in the booths, and possibly they are not the most attractive. Amongst so many good things it is difficult to choose the best.

On the opening night there will be a grand chorus of a thousand children's voices and during the fête there will be a male chorus of 100 voices heard from time to time. Bennett's band, largely augmented, has been engaged and the musical programmes will include compositions by all standard composers.

The decorations in the Pavilion will be principally with Masonic ideas. On one of the nights there will be a confetti battle and if the country sends the amount of flowers which it has promised and doubtless it will, a floral battle is a certainty.

The Masons generally are preparing for a week of genuine pleasure. It will be the purpose to make the week a memorable one in the annals of San Francisco entertainments.

Rev. C. C. Reynolds, who has been visiting A. W. Naylor and family, is the gentleman who cremated Durrant.

Mrs. E. B. Salsiger and two children of Mendocino, have been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. G. G. Wickson. Mrs. Salsiger is convalescing after a serious attack of the grip.

ELEGANT MODERN FURNITURE AT AUCTION. Sale peremptory. Grand Solid Oak Chamber Suite, first-class Bedding, elegant odd pieces, Parlor Upholstery, complete Oak Dining Room Furniture, Library Furniture, and all the equipments of an elegant home. I will sell, Saturday, April 30, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. No. 2434 College avenue, near Dwight way. Sale without limit or reserve. WILLIAM BUTTERFIELD, Auctioneer.

A stranger visited Mrs. Schultz of 2215 Ellsworth street, to rent a room. After selecting a room he gave her a note for \$10, out of which she took \$3 as a deposit and gave him the change of \$7. In the afternoon Mrs. Schultz sent her little boy down town to purchase butter and learned that the note was a forgery. The stranger has not been seen since.

BEACON ATHLETIC CLUB CONTESTS.

The pugilist Baker, who was to have met Kid Johnson last night before the Beacon Athletic Club of West Berkeley, was unable to be present on account of the death of his mother. He sent a substitute to take his place, but the substitute was no match for Johnson and the fight only lasted half a round.

The preliminary bouts were between Tye and Statts of the Reliance Club, O'Brien and Lavigne of the Beacon Club and Turner and Ben Lewis of San Francisco.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Franklin and Catherine White to C. G. Reynolds, lot on W line of Eighth street, 151.3 N of Bancroft way, N 50 by W 135, being lot 13, block 117, Tract B, Berkeley Land and Town Improvement Association, Berkeley; \$5.

O. L. Shafter Estate Company to Meyer E. Jaffa, lot on N line of Haste street, 125 E of Bowditch, E 20 by N 60, block 8, College Homestead, Berkeley; \$10.

Oscar Leuschner to A. G. Arlitt, beginning at a point 130 ft from NE corner of Page and Second streets, N 25 by E 138, being lot 29, block 32, Tract C, Berkeley Land and Town Improvement Association, Berkeley; \$300.

In a Critical Condition.

Little Alice Holtum, who was so severely hurt by a fall at the yards of the Pacific Lumber Company, Wednesday, was still in a very critical condition last night. It was found necessary, yesterday, by the attending physician, Dr. Woolsey, to perform a surgical operation, which was accomplished in the afternoon, Dr. Eastman and others assisting.

Up to a late hour in the night the patient showed no material change, and those in charge were anxiously awaiting developments.

Junior Christian Endeavor Social.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society held a very pleasant social last evening in the Sunday school room of Trinity M. E. Church. The Endeavor society has been divided into two sections, called purple and gold. Each side is trying to win the most credit marks, which are given for attending church service and various kinds of work. At the end of the month the winning side is given a social.

Last night the young people enjoyed themselves in various amusements and games, after which refreshments were served and all went home happier for having participated in the affair.

The committee in charge of the entertainment were Miss Miss Alva Abins and Miss Winnifred Gilkyson.

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BAD CONDITION OF AFFAIRS AT MONTEZUMA HILLS.

Sights Witnessed by a Berkeleyan in a Usually Productive Region.

The Montezuma Hills, on the eastern edge of which the town of Rio Vista is located, is a low range of undulating country extending on the north side of the Sacramento river, some fourteen miles and running back from the river, say an average of ten miles.

For over thirty years they have been raising wheat every season from the strong adobe soil of these hills without an ounce of fertilizer being used, and last year I rode on several different harvesting machines, each with a crew of five men and hauled by thirty-two horses, and before us was a field of wheat behind lay the wheat in little clusters of three sacks each in a pile, and the chaff in good sized heaps.

It was truly a wondrous sight to see, and last season the winter wheat or "summer fallow" veraged all over the hills not less than thirty bushels to the acre.

They do not usually crop the same land every year, but plow or "summer fallow" half the land each season; on this plowed land they pasture flocks of sheep and they eat off any weeds or stray grain that comes up.

This season the summer fallow was seeded to wheat as usual, at a cost of about \$4 per acre, but there will not be a sack of wheat raised on the Montezuma Hills this season, the grain all came up but for lack of moisture a large part of it is now as though it had been burnt and the remainder is only fit for pasture; it will not mature sufficiently to make a poor crop of hay.

California, however, is a country of vast resources, and the majority of the farmers have been able to rent more or less tule land and have temporarily moved their teams and farming plants into the tules and are industriously at work breaking up and putting in grain and alfalfa, hoping to raise at least sufficient to carry through their stock until kindly rains again carpet the Hills with verdure. Yours, WM. WHITNEY.

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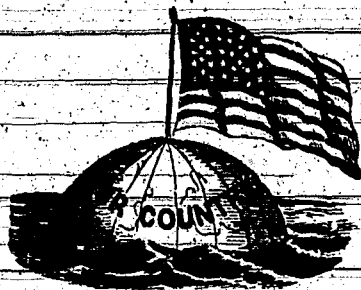
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THEY GET CAUGHT OCCASIONALLY.

Fake telegrams are becoming quite numerous. As a sample of how the yellow fellows get news, the incident of a telegram sent out to a city paper, a few days ago, showing how defenseless Berkeley is since the artillery has been sent away. The world, outside of Berkeley, will now understand that Spanish war ships will sail up Strawberry Creek and take Grizzly Peak, our fortified point, and of course capture the town—when they come into the Pacific. Another similar to this is the information that a Spaniard sent his government the information that Monterey is not fortified and to come and capture it, and likewise California. Of course they will come at once. There are many places beside Monterey for them to land—when they come. These are only a few instances, and yet they show that when people read dispatches, they must exercise a grain of common sense. In fact, they do, and do so a great deal more than the "colored dispatch expert" has an idea. Many people buy these big factory sheets for a nickel on the same principle that they pay an admission to a show. If they can't see the animals, they want to see their pictures and read about them.

A DEAD PUGILIST.

The boxing match that was held in Sacramento, on Wednesday, resulted in the death of one of the contestants, McCarty. The result is something of a surprise to those who witnessed the battle, but of late we see no reason why there should be surprise expressed: such results are becoming too frequent, and it is impossible to tell where a limit to human endurance—pugnacity in this case—has been reached until a collapse comes. If McCarty had worked himself to death in a harvest field, his honors might have been smaller, but there is no fear of an accident of that kind with this class of people. Griffo, the slayer of McCarty, has

at least one consolation: that he has permanently knocked out his man. How he may feel about it otherwise there is no means of knowing. In such a case the story is not supposed to "point a moral," unless it be that if you enter the ring you may expect to be knocked into your little grave.

THE FLORAL EXHIBIT.

The floral exhibit of the Berkeley Floral Society is a worthy and commendable effort. The society is not only to be complimented on its success, but the city should be complimented for having such a society, and it should show its appreciation in every way possible. It is exceedingly appropriate that beautiful Berkeley should have this beautiful show. It has taken hard work and thoughtful planning to bring all details to the ideal of the designers, and no one who loves the beautiful in art and nature should withhold an expression of appreciation.

REPUBLICAN SUCCESS IN THE AIR.

With a well conducted campaign Alameda will remain the banner Republican county of the State, and elect a Republican county ticket from top to bottom by a good round majority. One of the wisest things to do is to have the conventions early. This we have already advocated and will continue to urge, giving the best of reasons for doing so. The fact is the campaign is already open, and a large list of candidates in the field actively at work. A few days ago the World published only a partial list and that occupied over a column and a half. In our own city and township there are a number of persons mentioned in connection with some of the offices and two or three of them publicly announced—Mr. Waterman for School Superintendent, Mr. Spear for Recorder and Mr. Edgar for Township Justice—all of them excellent men for the places to which they aspire; Mr. Spear being well to the front in the race, having served one term as Recorder and filled the office very satisfactorily, and of course has made an extensive acquaintance throughout the county.

An Unwonted Tenderness.

"Henrietta" said Mr. Meekton, do you think you'll miss me?"
"When?"
"When I have gone to the war?"
"Mr. Meekton," she answered, "I have had reasons for resenting a great many things, but I am willing to own that if Spanish marksmanship is such that you are missed in the war as often as I will miss you at home, there won't be any risk for you whatever."

The Palo Alto, the Stanford University daily, of Monday, takes the recent defeats quite philosophically. An editorial on the subject begins with this statement: "To explain and to offer condolences to the student body for three defeats in one day is almost too much of a burden, but it is very simple."

SHORT CROPS ASSURED.

This week we are publishing some very interesting letters on the outlook through the country, written by William Whitney, who left here about a week ago. His trip is along the Sacramento valley and the Montezuma hills. He notes the admitted shortage there will be in the fruit section, and also in the popular grain producing section of the Montezumas. There there will be an almost total failure. Where wheat fields usually yield an average of thirty bushels to the acre, is this year dried up and only affords partial pasturage, tells a story quite uncommon. Reports similar to Mr. Whitney's come from Southern California. Many fruit sections, however, are well supplied with irrigation facilities and will not suffer so much, but such crops as depend largely on the rainfall are destined to be very poor and unprofitable. When the great Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys have short crops or failures, one can rest assured other localities are faring no better; it is none too early to begin practicing a little economy and using forethought for the months that are to come before a material change can take place.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

A short time ago we referred to the great need of the Nicaraguan Canal while the Oregon was rounding the Horn, and previously to our need of it for commercial purposes. The San Francisco Chronicle took up the matter again a few days ago and made some statements we wish to repeat, and which it is hoped our Congressmen will be capable of understanding in the near future:

"Were the strategic arguments the only ones we might be willing to admit that it would be wiser to go without the canal and put two-thirds of its cost into a naval establishment for the two oceans. But when the strategic and commercial arguments are grouped, the conclusion that the Nicaragua Canal ought to be built is most convincing. There would be dividends in time of peace, as well as increased safety in time of war. Let it be recalled in this connection that, in spite of the original pessimists, the Suez Canal is one of the great business successes of the age. It cost \$115,000,000 and is capitalized at \$90,500,000. In 1892, an average year, it paid a net profit of \$8,333,333, which was produced by the passage of 3559 vessels. Shares, the par value of which are \$100, are quoted on the French bourse at \$538.50. The \$20,000,000 worth of stock held by the British Government is quoted at \$95,000,000 in the open market."

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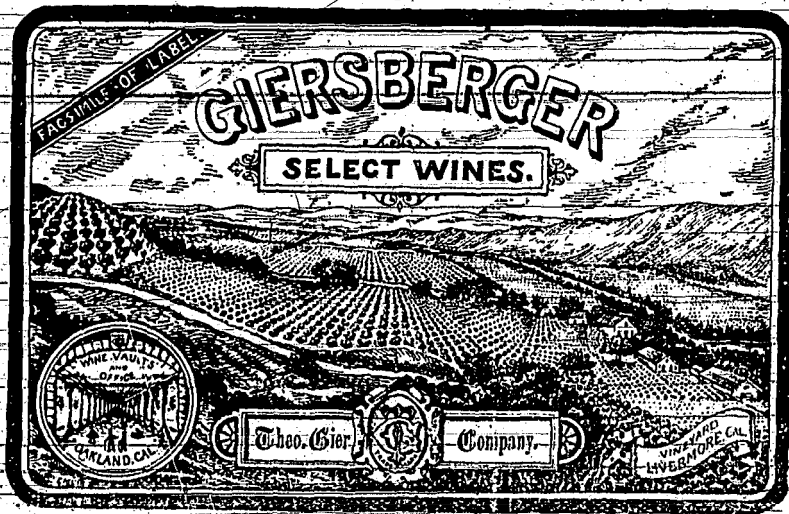
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By GUTLIFE HYNE.

"Speaking of pluck," said the pursuer
of the diamond, "the bravest man I
ever knew was a thief."

Mr. Horrocks delivered himself of
this statement during a momentary lull
in the after dinner chat of the smoke-
room and withdrew his eyes from the
little man who had just come in.

He examined with interest the butt
of his cigar and carefully licked an angle
of it which threatened to come loose.
Sir Randal Vereker, the hydraulic
specialist, who had won the auction
pool on the run that day, was standing
coffee and liquors round, and the pursuer,
after telling the attendant steward that
his was a rummel and cognac, struck
the cigar into a corner of his mouth and
jingled the keys in his trousers pockets.

Then he thrust his heels out straight
before him and blew truncated cones of
tobacco smoke at an incandescent lamp
in the deck above.

The general talk in the smokeroom
did not go on. Mr. Horrocks, as became
his office, was a noted raconteur, and
only Pitcairn continued his remarks on
the silver question as affecting the ex-
port trade in Bradford manufactured
goods. Pitcairn had crossed to New
York nine times in the Laconic already
and had a notion that he knew by heart
all the pursuer's tales. Moreover, being
in his capacity of drummer a most
widely traveled man himself, he quite
believed that his own remarks were
thoroughly well worth listening to.

"He stole the biggest diamond I ever
saw," the pursuer remarked meditatively
during one of Pitcairn's pauses for
breath. "It was a stone that should
have gone down into history on the rim
of some emperor's crown. But so far as
I know it never came up to the surface
again after that fellow stole it."

"Probably broken up," suggested
Vereker, "and sold in pieces."

The pursuer looked down sharply.
"How did you hear about it, Sir Ran-
dal?" he asked.

Vereker laughed. "I was only gener-
alizing," he said. "I haven't a notion
of what you're talking about."

"They christened it the King Dia-
mond out at Kimberley."

"Never heard of it," said Sir Ran-
dal. "I leave Lady Vereker to specialize
in diamonds for the pair of us."

"Now, there you are again," said
Pitcairn. "Diamonds are just like sil-
ver—the price varies according to the
quantity put on the market, and as
things are situated at present the na-
tions are at the mercy of traders who've
got capital and brains enough to make
corners. Now, if I had the managing of
it."

"You haven't," the pursuer cut in
acidly, "and you are never likely to
have. You can handle diamonds in a
tie pin, but in bulk they'd just dum-
mox you."

"Oh, trot out your chestnut, old
man!" said Pitcairn. "Some one wakes
me if I snore."

The smokeroom rustled itself into
easy positions for listening, and the
pursuer, after pretending for a minute or
so to ignore the silence, suddenly looked
down and said, "Oh, you want the ta-
ble, do you?"

"For heaven's sake go on, man, and
get it over!" said Pitcairn.

"Well," said the pursuer, "there's
only one fellow in this smokeroom this
year'll be a chestnut to, and he's new
to the Laconic. It isn't a yarn I usually
trot out for the benefit of passengers. It
shows up one man as a specially fine
sample of a—d—d fool, and he's a man
I've particular liking for, and he's sit-
ting in my breeches this minute. I didn't
always use to be in this western ocean
trade. I started life at sea on the Cape
run, and I'd worked up from the very
bottom to being purser on the finest ship
that went down there. It was a jolly
snug berth, I can tell you, with lots of
pickings, and as this business with the
King Diamond bundled me out of it and
left me to cool my heels about the
streets for a matter of 20 very lean
months it isn't a thing I chatter about
through sheer pride at being sacked."

"Which line was that on?" asked
Pitcairn.

"Never you mind," said the pursuer.
"It was one of the two big ones, and
you can toss up between them. But it
was the popular line—just then because
the other had had some accidents, and
we were the popular ship. We were
run jam full, and the skipper had let
his room to a Hatton Garden Jew for
100 guineas for the run home and was
bunking in the chart-house. He'd a vo-
cabulary of words, and they were all
very fish. Nothing was too expensive
for them. They always bet in cases
of champagne, and I guess the liquor
products alone on that run footed up to
more than \$1,000. I tell you I felt very
cookey over it. I didn't see how the
firm could avoid giving me a rise."

Pitcairn began to hum "For He's a
Jolly Good Purser," but the smokeroom
scowled him to silence.

"Among other things we'd about a
gallon and a half of diamonds on board,
and that's a kind of freight which pays
in a way which would surprise idiots
who only know about the cost of send-
ing shoddy across the western ocean."

"Shoddy doesn't come from Brad-
ford," said Pitcairn. "Shoddy is
made."

"Oh, kill that man, somebody!" the
smokeroom shouted, and once more the
pursuer proceeded.

"The diamonds were done up in lit-
tle canvas bags, barring the big stones,
which had a special sealed case to it-
self, and as of course they weren't pol-
ished they looked like so many rusty
pabbles. The bags were put in a safe,
and the safe was under my bed place.
There was only one key to the safe, and
that was at the end of my watch chain."

"It was anxious work being responsible
for those gems, I can tell you, so long
as we'd any land connection with South

Africa, but once we were clear I felt
pretty easy. There was an electric bell
fitted up to the door of the safe, and if
anybody needed who didn't know how
to unscrew it there'd have been noise
enough spread about to wake the ship.
And, besides, if anybody did loot the dia-
monds what were they to do with them?
Madeira and Southampton were the only
places we touched, and if there was
anything gone you can bet your life no
one would have been allowed to quit
the ship till we knew where it was."

"Now diamonds are all very well in
their place, but too many diamonds in
the conversation, especially when none
of them happens to be yours, rather sour
on one, and I can tell you the popular
talk on that ship fairly made me ill at
times. There were only two topics for
general conversation, and those were
diamonds and their prices, and when
any one wanted to be brilliantly original
he talked about the King Diamond and
drew pictures of it in—leat—pencil—on
the back of our wine lists. I should
think I must have heard the history of
that internal stone at least 18,000
times, counting all the variations—how
a Kafir found it in the blue clay, how
he swallowed it, how they gave him
medicine, how three L. D. B. kopje wal-
lopers from Pretoria came after it, how
the gemmer owners safeguarded it
with guns and a six ton burglar proof
box, how half the white men in the
diamond district were to be found iron-
ing at half a guinea a head, how syn-
dicates were formed to buy up tenth

shares in the gem and all the rest of the
degrading, money grabbing rubbish. I
might have admired that stone myself
if I'd been given a fair chance and
even have worshiped it as a mild sort
of god, but the talk about it killed all
my interest, and if it hadn't been for
the profit it was bringing the steamer
as carrier I should have gone very near
hating it. And so things were. I was
just driven into chumming with a man
called Farren out of sheer disgust for
every one else on the passenger list."

"I tell you straight that on any other
trip this Farren was not a man I should
have had anything more than a nod for.
He was a little ship of a fellow with
bookbottle shoulders and wandering
eyes, and he'd sort of missionary no-
tions that I'd no use for whatever,
but he didn't talk diamonds; thought
they were sinful or something, and I
told you, after a spell with the others
that man's society used to come to me
like a visit to the country. I'd flip him
the wink, and he and I'd slip away from
the rest, and go down to my room and
put up our heads and rest. He'd stretch
himself out on the sofa, and I'd slip
my shoes and lie on the bed and just
listen while he talked. At times I'd feel
that grateful to him I almost wished
he'd hand round the hat for a collection
after he'd finished."

Well, gentlemen, things went on
this way—diamonds, diamonds, dia-
monds, with short running spells of
Farren, till after we'd left Manila and
had made half a day's steam toward
home, and then a queerish thing hap-
pened. We came across a steamer trying
to right in our track."

"There's nothing in that, you'll
say, but wait a bit. This
steamer, as soon as we drew alongside,
made steam and bore away on our
coarse, keeping parallel to us, about a
quarter of a mile off, to port. It doesn't
take much to interest people on a long
voyage line, and you can guess it was
not long before most pairs of eyes
aboard of us were turned on to the other
steamer, especially as she happened to
be a yacht. Who was she? plenty of
people were asking, and the answer to
that was simple. She was Lord Ray-
bury's yacht, a brand new 16 knotter.
Her picture had been in all the illus-
trated papers, and two of our officers
had seen her before she left the mar-
ket. But what she was up to no one
could say, and our passengers made a
regular industry out of betting over it."

"We officers of the ship didn't worry
our heads much about the matter. If
you were to try to find out the why
and wherefore of all the queer things
you see in the two Atlantics, I guess
you'd go first gray and then bald, and
then into a lunatic asylum within a few
years' time. And so we looked at the
yacht, hanging always in the same
place on our port beam, without worry-
ing our heads particularly as to what
her little game might be. But, as I say,
the passengers were different; it was a
brand new interest to the lot of them; it
was an A1 topic to gamble on, and I
tell you the talk in that smokeroom be-
gan to get interesting. We'd got some
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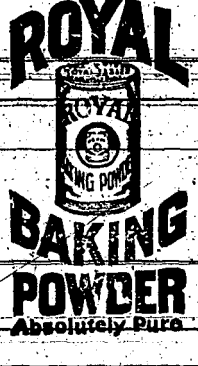
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SOUTHERN PACIFIC CO.

(PACIFIC SYSTEM.)

Trains Leave and Are Due to Arrive at

BERKELEY

Leave.	From January 1, 1898.	Arrive.
5:55a	Niles, San Jose and Way Stations	7:45a
6:55a	Berkeley, Suisun and Sacramento	8:45a
7:55a	Martinez, Orvilleville and Redding	9:45a
8:55a	Woodland	10:45a
9:55a	Napa, Calistoga and Santa Rosa	11:45a
10:55a	San Jose, Stockton, Yuba, Sacramento, Marysville, Chico, Tehama and Red Bluff	12:45p
11:55a	New Orleans Express, Merced, Raymond, Fresno, Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Doming, El Paso, New Orleans, and Edist	1:45p
12:55p	Vallejo, Martinez, Merced and	2:45p
1:55p	Sacramento River Steamer	3:45p
2:55p	Niles, San Jose and Way Stations	4:45p
3:55p	Martinez and Way Station	5:45p
4:55p	El Centro, Mendota, Hanford and Visalia	6:45p
5:55p	Martinez, San Ramon, Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, El Yesso and Santa Rosa	7:45p
6:55p	Bodega, Vacaville, Woodland, Knights Landing, Marysville, Orville and Sacramento	8:45p
7:55p	San Jose, Stockton, Yuba and Stockton	9:45p
8:55p	Luthrop, Fresno, Merced, Bodega, Modesto, Maywood for Kingsberg, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles	10:45p
9:55p	Santa Fe Route, Atlantic Express, for Maywood and Edist	11:45p
10:55p	San Jose Limited, Los Angeles, El Paso, Fort Worth, Little Rock, St. Louis, Chicago and	12:45a
11:55p	Sunset Limited, Amer. El Paso, New Orleans and East	1:45a
12:55a	European Mail, Ogden and East	2:45a
1:55a	Maywood, Little and San Jose	3:45a
2:55a	Vallejo	4:45a
3:55a	Oregon Express, Sacramento, Marysville, Redding, Portland, Pleasant Sound and East	5:45a
SAN LEANDRO and HAYWARD LOCAL (Footlock Market Street.)		
5:00 a.	and	7:15 a
9:00 a.	Melrose, Seminary Park,	10:30 a
10:00 a.	Fitchburg, Elmhurst,	10:45 a
11:00 a.	San Leandro, South San Le-	11:45 a
12:00 p.	andro, Estudillo	12:45 p
1:00 p.	Lorenzo, Cherry	2:45 p
4:00 p.	and	5:45 p
5:00 p.	Haywards	6:15 p
6:30 p.		7:45 p
7:30 p.		8:45 p
8:30 p.	Runs through to Niles.	9:45 p
11:15 p.	From Niles.	12:00 a

A for Morning

Sundays only

P for Afternoon

*Sundays excepted

Saturdays only

Monday, Thursday and Saturday nights only

Wednesdays and Saturdays

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